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TAGS: MARR, SP

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 9TH DEPARTMENT
BRIEFING

THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR THE DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN FEBRUARY 9:

JOINT US-SPANISH COMMISSION ON COORDINATION WITH NATO

ADVISORY FOR THE SPOKESMAN

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(SIGNED JANUARY 24, 1976; ENTERED INTO FORCE SEPTEMBER
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SPANISH COUNCIL, TO BE CHAIRED JOINTLY BY THE FOREIGN
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SHALL PROPOSE TO THE COUNCIL SPECIFIC MEASURES TO PROMOTE THE
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BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: WE HAD EARLIER PROVIDED GUIDANCE TO MADRID, USNATO, AND OTHER EMBASSIES IN NATO CAPITALS REGARDING A LIST OF POSSIBLE STEPS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN IN THE SHORT TERM TO DEVELOP MILITARY RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND INDIVIDUAL NATO COUNTRIES. WE SEE THIS COMMISSION AS A LOW-KEY WORKING GROUP IN WHICH WE WILL LISTEN TO SPANISH IDEAS ABOUT DEVELOPING SUCH TIES.

HOWEVER, WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT THE ACTIVATION OF THE COMMISSION WILL LEAD TO ANY IMMEDIATE NEW INITIATIVES OR THAT IT NEED ALARM THE OTHER NATO GOVERNMENTS. END CONFIDENTIAL.

PRESS GUIDANCE:

QUESTION: WHAT IS THIS COMMISSION FOR COORDINATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND NATO? DOES IT SIGNAL A NEW US CAMPAIGN TO GET SPAIN INTO NATO?

ANSWER: THE COMMISSION IS CREATED BY THE US-SPANISH TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL AND IS MANDATED TO WORK TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE COORDINATION WITH NATO. THE CONFIDENTIAL

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